

DAY 03 | SELFISHNESS TO SELFLESSNESS

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**"Let no one seek his own good, but that of the other person."
Psalm 27:14**

As a kid, I struggled to share with others. It was hard for me to share my toys, and I often got jealous of what other kids had that I didn't. If one of my siblings had one of my toys, I would yell, "Hey! That's mine! Give it back!" I would snatch the toy back, whether I was using it or needed it in that moment. Maybe you're like me, and you have shared this reality that reveals how the flesh looks out for our own needs and our own happiness. It isn't natural for us to put others first; it's part of the human condition and our sinful nature.

"For the flesh desires what is against the Spirit, and the Spirit desires what is against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you don't do what you want." (Gal. 5:17)

Jesus reveals a way of living through His sacrifice on the cross. He came to earth as a lowly, humble servant and died in our place. Jesus, God in the flesh, showed selflessness rather than selfishness. He did not focus on Himself when Satan offered the world without the cross; He looked at us and our need for salvation. His selflessness and love for us led Him to death on the cross so that we can have salvation in Him. Jesus willingly gave up His life so we may be forgiven our sins and be granted eternal life.

The gospel compels us to be selfless and generous to others. It invites us to go from "give me, give me" to "how can I give?" Christ's sacrifice helps us see others as more important than ourselves and to consider their interests instead of our own gain. The more we look to Christ and reside in the Word of God, the more our selfishness will fade.

PRAY

LORD, how can I serve others? What could I be holding onto that is preventing me from being useful to my fellow brothers and sisters? Teach me to be more like You.

In Jesus' Name, amen.